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Dear Mr. Eisner,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for Wabash County, Indiana and all 82 counties of Indiana currently on Eastern Standard Time to take advantage of Eastern DST. Experiencing one additional hour of sunlight will greatly benefit the residents of Indiana, our economy, and our businesses.

Obvious reasons why Eastern DST is needed include 1) safety, 2) family recreation (quality of life), and 3) consistency with the neighboring states of Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.

Concerning safety, one additional hour of daylight will enable myself and everyone else to drive vehicles with the aid of extended daylight. I am especially concerned about the children who are in and around parking areas and side streets in the early evening. Also, most of our crime takes place after dark, and extending daylight will benefit law enforcement and neighborhoods.

Providing families with an extra hour of daylight provides quality time after the work day to experience many outdoor activities that currently are not possible or abbreviated due to the sun currently setting before 8:00 p.m. As observed by surrounding states, increased opportunities for boating, picnicking, outdoor recreation, community events, and many other outdoor activities would benefit the quality of life enjoyed by children and adults.

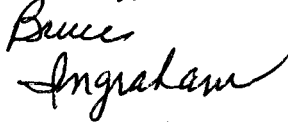
On several occasions I have experienced confusion which has led to me being late or significantly early to business meetings and other events because I miscalculated the time change outside of Indiana and within this state. Most of my business dealings outside the immediate area are with vendors on Eastern DST. Recognizing the "correct time" is confusing to Indiana residents, the confusion from people outside our state effects the amount of business Indiana forfeits by being on a different time than our neighbors.

I am employed by an organization that serves 37,000 people residing in North Central Indiana. We are fortunate each county in our trade area observes Eastern Time. Gaining DST will benefit each person in many unique ways.

Central Time would erase any benefits from DST through the spring, summer, and fall, and would actually cause darkness in the winter one hour earlier than we have experienced in the past. Recognizing the hazards from weather Indiana experiences in the winter and the depression many people experience from a lack of sunlight, considering moving any of the 82 counties from Eastern Time to Central Time would be disastrous.

Thank you for giving consideration to my views and opinions concerning this extremely important issue to the residents and businesses in Indiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Ingraham". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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